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US corn production for 2016 is forecast at 15.2 billion bushels, up 11 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 175.1 bushels per acre. Soybean production is forecast at 4.06 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record in the United States for both corn and soybeans. All cotton production is forecast at 15.9 million 480-pound bales, up 23 percent from 2015.

Key findings for the Southern Region from the August Crop Production include:

Alabama: Corn for grain production is forecast at 40.3 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2015 while yield is forecast at 130 bushels per acre, a 17 bushel drop from last year. Cotton production at 640,000 bales is up 16 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 623 million pounds, down 6 percent. Soybeans production at 17.6 million bushels is down 13 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 39 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year. Peach production is forecast down 35 percent from last year.

Florida: Cotton production forecast, at 180,000 bales, is up 18 percent from 2015. Peanut production is forecast at 490 million pounds, down 25 percent from last year due predominately to a reduction in planted acreage this year. Sugarcane for sugar and seed are forecast down 6 percent at 16.7 million tons.

Georgia: Corn for grain production is forecast at 63.2 million bushels, up 30 percent from 2015. Yield is forecast at 178 bushels per acre, a 7 bushel increase from last year. Cotton production at 2.6 million bales is up 15 percent. Peanut production is forecast at 3.38 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2015. Soybeans production at 10.2 million bushels is down 25 percent from last year. Planted acreage is down 18 percent and yield, forecast at 40 bushels per acre, is down 3 bushels from last year. Peach production is forecast is up 6 percent from last year.

South Carolina: Corn for grain production is forecast at 43.6 million bushels, up 80 percent from 2015. Yield is forecast at 132 bushels per acre, an increase of 39 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be a record high production and yield for corn in South Carolina. Cotton, peanut, and soybean production are up considerably when compared to last year's crops which were heavily damaged by flooding during the fall. Cotton production at 340,000 bales is 219 percent of previous year's production total. Peanut production is forecast at 400 million pounds, up 52 percent from 2015. Soybeans production at 14.0 million bushels is up 43 percent from last year. Peach production is forecast down 1 percent from last year.

Peach Production — States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted August 1, 2016

[Current year estimates are for the full 2016 crop year]

State	Total production	
	2015	2016
	(tons)	(tons)
Alabama	5,550	3,600
Georgia	40,600	43,000
South Carolina.....	68,900	68,000
United States.....	847,210	806,600

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, August 2016

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted August 1, 2016

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn ¹ (bushels)								
Alabama.....	260	330	245	310	147.0	130.0	36,015	40,300
Florida ²	80	80	50	45	141.0		7,050	
Georgia.....	330	400	285	355	171.0	178.0	48,735	63,190
South Carolina	295	350	260	330	93.0	132.0	24,180	43,560
United States	87,999	94,148	80,749	86,550	168.4	175.1	13,601,198	15,153,472
Cotton, all ³ (bales)								
Alabama.....	315.0	320.0	307.0	317.0	866	969	554.0	640.0
Florida.....	85.0	100.0	83.0	98.0	885	882	153.0	180.0
Georgia.....	1,130.0	1,300.0	1,120.0	1,290.0	966	967	2,255.0	2,600.0
South Carolina	235.0	180.0	136.0	179.0	547	912	155.0	340.0
United States	8,580.5	10,023.0	8,074.9	9,530.3	766	800	12,888.0	15,879.0
Hay, all other(tons)								
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	730	800	2.80	2.90	2,044	2,320
Florida ²	(NA)	(NA)	290	300	2.80		812	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	570	570	2.50	2.20	1,425	1,254
South Carolina ²	(NA)	(NA)	300	330	2.00		600	
United States	(NA)	(NA)	36,659	38,062	2.06	2.07	75,414	78,973
Peanuts (pounds)								
Alabama.....	200.0	175.0	197.0	173.0	3,350	3,600	659,950	622,800
Florida.....	190.0	145.0	180.0	136.0	3,650	3,600	657,000	489,600
Georgia.....	785.0	760.0	777.0	750.0	4,470	4,500	3,473,190	3,375,000
South Carolina	112.0	115.0	82.0	111.0	3,200	3,600	262,400	399,600
United States	1,625.0	1,563.0	1,567.0	1,531.0	3,963	3,990	6,210,590	6,109,400
Soybeans..... (bushels)								
Alabama.....	500	460	490	450	41.0	39.0	20,090	17,550
Florida ²	33	30	31	28	38.0		1,178	
Georgia.....	325	265	315	255	43.0	40.0	13,545	10,200
South Carolina	475	435	370	425	26.5	33.0	9,805	14,025
United States	82,650	83,688	81,814	83,037	48.0	48.9	3,929,160	4,060,188
Sugarcane ⁴(tons)								
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	424.0	425.0	41.7	39.2	17,664	16,660
United States	(NA)	(NA)	887.3	921.5	36.4	36.0	32,275	33,185
Tobacco..... (pounds)								
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	13.5	13.5	2,400	2,200	32,400	29,700
South Carolina	(NA)	(NA)	13.0	14.5	2,000	2,300	26,000	33,350
United States	(NA)	(NA)	328.7	319.2	2,178	2,184	715,946	696,880

(NA) Not available.

¹ Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

² Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2016 Summary*, released January 2017.

³ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

⁴ For sugar and seed.

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